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**Request  
for  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal**

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Application Number	09/142,660
Filing Date	December 23, 1998
First Named Inventor	Rainer HINTSCHE et al.
Title	Detection of Molecules and Molecule Complexes
Atty Docket Number	37637-0003

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For: DETECTION OF MOLECULES AND MOLECULE COMPLEXES

**Amendment and Request for Reconsideration**

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Sir:

This is in further Response to the Final Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, for the above-captioned application. A response was filed with a Notice of Appeal on March 22, 2004. Applicants herewith file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and enclose a Petition for a One-month Extension of Time, and the appropriate government fees. While applicants believe that the correct payment for the extension of time fee is attached, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 08-1641. Applicants also herewith request entry of the amendment filed March 22, 2004 and the amendment below assumes that the previous amendment has been entered.

The amendment to the claims begin on page 2; remarks begin on page 7.